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BANK.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital, \$5,000,000.

Installment received on New Shares, 926,765.62

Reserve Fund, \$2,500,000.

Installment of Premiums received on New Shares, 693,336.43

\$3,198,336.43

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—W.M. REINHORN, Esq.

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Hon. F.B. JOHNSON.

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Hongkong, Thomas Jackson, Esq.

Manager.

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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON,

Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, August 25, 1883.

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NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. HERMANN FRIEDRICH MEYERIN in our Firm CEASED on the 1st January, 1883.

Mr. JOHANN HINRICH GARRELLS is admitted a PARTNER from this date.

MEYER & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

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NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY in our Firm of Mr. WILHELM BEINERS, CEASED on the 31st December, 1883.

Mr. MAX GROTE, Mr. CARL JANTZEN and Mr. STEPHEN C. MICHAELSEN, who have been signing the Firm, are admitted PARTNERS from this date.

Mr. J. GOOSMANN is authorized to sign our Firm per procription.

MELCHERS & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1884.

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NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day admitted Mr. J. B. ELIAS A PARTNER in my Business.

It will hereafter be conducted under the style of "BELLIOS & CO."

E. R. BELLIOS.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884.

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NOTICE.

MR. GERALD SLADE and MR. ALEXANDER McCONAUGHEY are authorized to sign our Firm from this date.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong and Foochow, 1st January, 1884.

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NOTICE.

FREDERIC ALGAR, COLONIAL NEWSPAPER & COMMISION AGENT.

13, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, LONDON.

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NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

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Intimations.



Estate of JAMES HERTZ ZADICK JUST, Deceased.

ALL Persons INDEBTED to the late Mr. J. H. Z. JUST, of Kungchow are required to make Payment, and Holders of Property which he has left to him to deliver the same, to the Undesignated.

Creditors of the Estate are required to furnish the Undesignated with Statutory Declarations in support of their CLAIMS on or before the 31st Instant.

J. N. JORDAN,
H. B. M., Acting Consul.
BRITISH CONSULATE,
Kungchow, 10th January, 1884.

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TENDERS will be Received at this Office until the 31st JANUARY, 1884, for SALVING the S.S. HWA-YUEN'S TREASURE, about SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, sunk in the North of Hui-sien Islands about eighteen fathoms of water.

The Tender will be forwarded to Shanghai for acceptance.

CHINA MERCHANTS' S. N. Co.

Hongkong, January 17, 1884.

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THE CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

AS the Post of SECRETARY to the Company is about to become vacant Applications for same will be Received at the Head Office up to 1st February next.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

WM. REINHORN,
Chairman.

Hongkong, January 3, 1884.

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LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

THIS CLUB will be OPENED on FRIDAY, the 1st of February, at 3 o'clock, by Lady BOYCE.

All Members are invited to attend.

By the kind permission of Colonel HOBSON and Officers the Band of the "Buff" will be in attendance.

Hongkong, January 25, 1884.

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HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Third Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, at 12 o'clock Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of February, 1884, to receive a Statement of the Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1883, and the Report of the General Managers.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th January to 6th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 19, 1884.

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NOTICE.

THE Undesignated will NOT be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by a YOUNG MAN who goes by the name of JOHN DREWES.

GEORGE HERMANN DREWES, late Master of S.S. "Peking."

Hongkong, January 9, 1884.

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THE MEDICAL HALL, ESTABLISHED A.D. 1853.

E. NIEDHARDT, Proprietor.

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IMPORTER OF DRUGS & CHEMICALS, PATENT MEDICINES, Perfumery, Toilet Requirements, &c., &c.

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Medicine-chests Supplied and Repaired.

Hongkong, December 31, 1883.

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FROM AMERICA.

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COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
tins, and boxes.
Soda BISCUITS.
Assorted BISCUITS.

Small HOMINY.

Cracked WHEAT.

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Eastern and California CHEESE.

CODFISH, Boned.

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Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.

FAMILY BEEF in 25 lb cans.

Beau Ideal SALMON in 24 lb cans.

Cutting's Dessert FRUITS in 24 lb cans.

Assorted GARNISHES.

Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage

MET.

Stuffed PEPPERS.

Assorted SOUPS.

Richardson & Robbin's Celebrated Potted

MEATS.

Lamb HAM.

Lamb TONGUES.

Claw CHOWDER.

Fresh OREGON SALMON.

Dried APPLES.

TOMATOES.

SUGGOTASH.

Maple SYRUP.

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LOBSTERS.

OYSTERS.

HONEY.

Assorted JELLIES.

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FAIRBANKS' SCALES.

400 lb. Capacity.

600 lb. "

1,200 lb. "

CORN BROOMS.

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AXES and HATCHETS.

AGATE IRON WARE.

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DEVOE'S NONPARIEL**BRILLIANT****KEROSINE OIL,**

150° test.

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ENGLAND.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
S T O R E S ,
including:

CHRISTMAS CAKES,
PLUM PUDDINGS,
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Crystallized FRUITS.

Trystover's DESSERT FRUITS.

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Lante CURANTS.

Fine YORK HAMS

PICNIC TONGUES.

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BROWN.

INFANTS' FOOD.

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HITCHCOCK HOUSE LAMP.

PERFECTION STUDENT LAMP.

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CHATEAU MARGAUX.

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LES GRAVES, "

BREAKFAST CLARET, "

SHERRIES & PORT—

SACOME MANZANILLA & AMON-

TILLADO.

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HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.

1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.

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FINE OLD BOURBON WHISKY.

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ROYAL GLENFIDDIE WHISKY.

BOORD'S OLD T.

E. & J. BOORD'S IRISH WHISKY.

ROSE'S LIME JUICE CORDIAL.

NODDY PAUL & CO.'S VERMOUTH.

ODDIE'S GINGER BRANDY.

EASTERN CIDER.

CHARTREUSE.

MARASCHINO.

CURACAO.

ANGOSTURA, BAKER'S and ORANGE

BITTERS,

&c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and

SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &

J. BURKE, pints and quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

SPECIALLY SELECTED

C I G A R S .

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

5 catty Boxes.

BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

MILNER'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF

SAFES, CASH and PAPER

BOXES, at Manufacturer's Prices.

Hongkong, December 1, 1883.

Mails.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Tiger,"

Captain Power, will be
despatched at Noon TO-

MORROW, the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 172

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers through rates

for CHENG-TU, NEW CHENG-TU,

TSIN, HANKOW, and Ports on

the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship
"Annie,"

will be despatched on or about the 4th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 173

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM

NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BATAVIA, SAMARANG AND

SOURABAYA, VIA SAIGON

AND PONTIANAK.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Compa,"

Capt. REEDER, will be despatched above as above on or about the 7th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 166

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Co.'s Steamship
"Hector,"

Capt. BILLING, will be despatched on or about the 13th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 174

UNION LINE.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship
"Scandinavia,"

Captain FOWLER, will be despatched for the above on or about FRIDAY, the 16th February.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, January 29, 1884. 168

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMpte DE PARIS.

M. J. ARRANGER has been appointed

Agent for this Bank, in Hongkong.

E. G. VOUILLEMONT,

Manager.

Shanghai, 23rd January, 1884. 167

IMPERIAL CHINESE TELEGRAPH

ADMINISTRATION.

CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

A SUPPLY of the above in Good Order

has just been received.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,

Hongkong Dispensary.

Hongkong, January 2, 1884. 5

TO-day's Advertisements.

EAST POINT SUGAR REFINERS'

CUPS.

The China Merchants' steamer *Prue* arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 22nd January bringing the large number of 1,880 native troops from Nanking and Chinkiang. After leaving about 500 of these Native soldiers at Foochow, the *Prue* was to be despatched on the 22nd January to Taiwanfu.—*Foochow Herald*.

A number of French military officers have been occupied for several weeks past parading horses in the Singletor and Hunter River districts (N. S. Wales) for service in connection with the impending Franco-Chinese campaign. Amongst the number are Captain Bissey, aide-de-camp to the Governor of New Caledonia, and Captain Marine Aragues, of the French Artillery.

Messrs. Ludwig and Trubé, of the firm of Ludwig & Co., Yokohama, have been arrested by order of the Swiss Consul, on the demand of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, to account for alleged nefarious transactions in the hypothecation of certain goods. The frauds with which they are charged are alleged to be of a very extensive character.—*Japan Mail*.

It should be distinctly understood that the subscription now in circulation in Shanghai is on behalf of the families of all those who were lost in the *Huan-wei*, and not on behalf of any particular individual. Nearly two hundred persons were drowned, and there are therefore many widows and orphans to provide for. Of the six Europeans lost, three were married and had children—the captain two, the chief engineer five, and the third engineer three.—*Shanghai Courier*.

It is announced that three British steamers have already been chartered to take patent fuel from Dunkirk to Saigon, in view of the approaching war between France and China. When war breaks out shipowners naturally expect that there will be a great demand for freight to the Far East, when, of course, war rates will rule. This will raise the question again discussed during Franco-German war—as to the right of a neutral to supply coal to belligerents. It is probable, however, that China will gain rather more than France by a liberal interpretation of the term "contraband of war."—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

JAPAN continues to make progress. Messrs Jackson and Graham have just completed an order to furnish the Japanese Palace in European style. Those who take an interest in such matters will find it worth while to stroll as far as Oxford-street, where the articles designed for the Palace may be seen. The hall-room is to be decorated with white silk with coloured bouquets, gilt chairs upholstered to match the hangings. The boudoir is mahogany, upholstered in silk velvet. The style of the whole is simple, but of the richest description. It is worthy of note that all the silk was made in Spitalfields.—*Figaro*.

VICE-ADMIRAL George O. Willes has issued the following Hydrographical Memo, dated Hongkong, 14 January, 1884:—"The following information relating to the navigation of the Canton River is promulgated for general information and guidance. The Chinese authorities intend blocking the Cambridge Roads between Louisa Island and Fai-ho-tang for the purpose of torpedo operations, &c. The further intention of placing a bridge across the river in the Colloion Reach, leaving in the middle a passage for vessels in deep water. Her Majesty's ships and vessels are no longer to use the Cambridge Reach, and are to be careful to avoid collision with the wooden bridge,"—*Shanghai Mercury*.

It is expected that the following ironclads, cruisers, and torpedo-boats, now being constructed in the French docks, will be completed during the present year:—The *Comète* and the ironclad *Vendémiaire*, at Cherbourg; the ironclad *Terrible* and the cruiser *Sophistie*, at Brest; the cruiser *Alcyone*, at Lorient; the ironclad *Toussaint* and the ironclads *Ibis* and *Vigilant*, at Rochefort; the ironclads *Catinat* and *Foudroyant* and the cruiser *Artilleur*, at Toulon; the cruiser *Brandon*, the gunboats *Lion* and *Scorpion*, the *Raufer*, and five torpedo-boats at M. M. Normand & Co.'s docks; the transports *Gironde*, *Le Magellan*, *Le Calendrier*, and *Milan*, constructed by the Société La Gironde, the ironclads *République* and *La Turquoise*, constructed by the Société Dyle et Bacalan.

Mr. Gomes:—Yes, certainly.

The Chairman:—At the next half yearly meeting the matter will be favourably taken into consideration. As there are no other options I propose that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. Armstrong seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. McIver, seconded by Mr. Gomes, the appointment of Mr. M. Grotto to be a Director in place of Mr. W. Reiners, who has gone home, was unanimously confirmed by the meeting.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Rocha seconded, the election of Messrs. H. Hushfield and F. Arnold as Auditors. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gomes:—That all the business, gentlemen, and I have to thank you for your attendance, and to announce that the dividend will be payable to-morrow.

Mr. Dolan:—Before we adjourn, I beg to present a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

This was given by acclamation, and the chairman having returned thanks, the meeting separated.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary half yearly meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held this afternoon. These present were:

Messrs. E. R. Bollios, (Chairman); the Hon. F. B. Johnson, E. McIver, and M. Grotto, (Directors); E. George, J. F. C. da Roza, J. C. da Cunha, F. A. Ozorio, M. B. Polishaw, J. B. Comes, Jr., H. Esmai, V. C. da Rocha, A. S. Cohen, J. M. Armstrong, A. F. Pereira, J. E. Machado, J. C. dos Remondos, W. Dolan, M. A. da Carvalho, J. M. Guedes, R. Mourato, and J. P. da Costa, (Secretary).

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The Chairman said:—"With your permission we will take the report as read. Referring to the accounts I may remind you that all extraordinary repairs provided for them were anticipated in our report of a twelve months ago, with the exception of an unforeseen expenditure of about \$8,000, necessary for the wheel of the *Honam*. This is independently of any sum the underwriters will have to contribute. Here on the table is a report from experts of this Colony, a perusal of which will convince you that the accident arose not from any faulty construction of the vessel, but it is surmised from the wheel coming into violent contact with some hard submerged substance while the steamer was going full speed ahead. It will be remembered that a few days prior to this mishap a gale passed over the district, and in all probability wreckage of some kind was floating under the surface of the water when the steamer passed across the spot where the accident occurred. The repairs on the *Yotsai* will be completed within a fortnight, and that steamer will resume her birth on the Canton-Macao liner. In respect of what the papers have said that the war may be waged in Tonquin, will not disrupt the trade in these waters our agents in Canton write:—

"We learn from Her Majesty's Consul that the Chinese authorities have verbally asserted their intention to leave an opening in either reach of 116 Chinese fathoms, or say 75 feet."

This will satisfy you, gentlemen, that the blocking of the Canton River by the Chinese authorities need give us no apprehension, because the passage left will be ample for the purpose of navigating our steamers safely through it, and, therefore, the traffic will remain uninterrupted.

I have no further remarks to make, but will be glad to answer questions."

Mr. Gomes:—The report of the Directors is very good in every way, but the majority of the shareholders present expressed a desire, in view of the continued prosperity of the Company, to see the efficiency of its boats, the former rate of dividend, 16 per cent., would be reverted to, instead of again paying the smaller rate, which has been declared for the past seven years merely for the purpose of keeping a reserve fund.

It is not merely on my own behalf I speak; it is on behalf of shareholders of limited means whom my firm represents, and to whom an increase of dividend would be of great importance.

After briefly conversing with the other Directors at table, the Chairman said:—"The security of the Company should be of great importance to the shareholders. Your suggestion refers to the future I hope you will leave it to the Directors to consider whether or not it would be judicious and good policy to declare a larger dividend."

Mr. Gomes:—Very well.

The Chairman:—I understand your motion is in reference to the future, not to the present moment.

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ABANDONMENT OF THE "G. C. TRUFANT"

By the arrival of the German steamer *Triumph*, Captain Scholdt, from Macao on Sunday last, bringing Captain Connor, two ship's officers and fifteen shipwrecked seamen, information was brought of the abandonment, for a second time, of the sailing ship *G. C. Trufant*. On the 7th September last, the *Trufant* stranded on the Fiery Cross Reef, and was ultimately abandoned at Port Barton. Subsequently rarely seen the inside of the prayer-room after their own special staff praying at the commencement of the day for a busy place. The other day we received and sent out no less than 1,546 letters, telegrams, and book-packets, although our publishing business occupies two houses, 8 and 9, Paternoster-squares, through the editor of the *World* and *Standard*, who cannot sell where solicitors and clerks, poor over-dressed, which property agents in the next room have bargained for; where architects have leased plan new barracks to be built with borrowed money, or to be evolved from some building hitherto known as a ware-house, a barn, a mill, or a rink; where staff captains ceaselessly examine the credentials and correspondence of candidates for promotion, to be local secretaries, treasurers, sergeants, or bandmen or to become commissioned officers; where secretaries and shorthand writers make all the multifarious records and carry on the enormous daily correspondence needed for an Army with 830 corps, 103 of them abroad—all through the twenty-nine apartments of the building each day is full of work."

GENERAL Booth gives, in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, the following description of the daily proceedings at the headquarters of the Salvation Army in London:—"But most of the hundred odd persons engaged at head-quarters rarely see the inside of the prayer-room after their own special staff praying at the commencement of the day for a busy place. The other day we received and sent out no less than 1,546 letters, telegrams, and book-packets, although our publishing business occupies two houses, 8 and 9, Paternoster-squares, through the editor of the *World* and *Standard*, who cannot sell where solicitors and clerks, poor over-dressed, which property agents in the next room have bargained for; where architects have leased plan new barracks to be built with borrowed money, or to be evolved from some building hitherto known as a ware-house, a barn, a mill, or a rink; where staff captains ceaselessly examine the credentials and correspondence of candidates for promotion, to be local secretaries, treasurers, sergeants, or bandmen or to become commissioned officers; where secretaries and shorthand writers make all the multifarious records and carry on the enormous daily correspondence needed for an Army with 830 corps, 103 of them abroad—all through the twenty-nine apartments of the building each day is full of work."

hour later, the long boat was launched with difficulty, and all hands, eighteen in number, succeeded in getting into her, taking with them 100 lbs. of biscuit, wet with salt-water, and about eight gallons of fresh water. After standing by the ship for four hours by which time the water had risen to the top of the boat, and the rail had been cut, a course was struck for Hongkong, which was about 165 miles to the N.W. of the position where the *Trufant* was abandoned. A very heavy sea was running at the time, and the work of navigating the little craft was a difficult task. It was attended by no mishap, however, and the following afternoon, at four o'clock, land was sighted. It was thought more prudent to remain in the boat than at land once and the boat was kept at her course until four o'clock the following afternoon. (24th) when a landing was effected at St. John's Island. Here the worn out mariners received all the succour it was in the power of the Roman Catholic Father stationed on the Island to give. After resting until Saturday morning, by which time they were immensely refreshed, they left in their boat at 10 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock was sighted a Chinese gunboat, which was evidently about 100 yards away, and the crew, who were the authority, treated them with the greatest kindness. The Harbourmaster and the British Consul, and the *Laureate* himself, were the only persons who were with them.

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It is not merely on my own behalf I speak; it is on behalf of shareholders of limited means whom my firm represents, and to whom an increase of dividend would be of great importance.

After briefly conversing with the other Directors at table, the Chairman said:—"The security of the Company should be of great importance to the shareholders. Your suggestion refers to the future I hope you will leave it to the Directors to consider whether or not it would be judicious and good policy to declare a larger dividend."

Mr. Gomes:—Very well.

The Chairman:—I understand your motion is in reference to the future, not to the present moment.

Mr. Gomes:—Yes, certainly.

The Chairman:—At the next half yearly meeting the matter will be favourably taken into consideration. As there are no other options I propose that the report be adopted and the accounts passed.

Mr. Armstrong seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. McIver, seconded by Mr. Gomes, the appointment of Mr. M. Grotto to be a Director in place of Mr. W. Reiners, who has gone home, was unanimously confirmed by the meeting.

The Hon. F. B. Johnson proposed, and Mr. Rocha seconded, the election of Messrs. H. Hushfield and F. Arnold as Auditors. The motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Gomes:—That all the business,

gentlemen, and I have to thank you for your attendance, and to announce that the dividend will be payable to-morrow.

Mr. Dolan:—Before we adjourn, I beg to present a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

This was given by acclamation, and the chairman having returned thanks, the meeting separated.

Police Intelligence.

(Before H. E. Woldhouse, Esq.)

Tuesday, Jan. 29.

There has been much talk during the week of the possibility of Tonypandy being visited by the *Yankees*. A morning paper "started the ball" and all the others followed suit, speculation being rife as to the title he would assume. The *Laureate* has himself written contradicting the statement.

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